

To: Mental Health and Mental Retardation Attorneys

FR: Mental Health and Mental Retardation Panel  
Selection Committee

RE: NOTICE –

DA: May 1, 2006

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In an effort to ensure that all practicing attorneys who are presently receiving Criminal Justice Act compensation for work on mental retardation cases have been fully qualified by the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Selection Committee, the Committee is reopening the application process for four (4) weeks so that practicing attorneys who wish to remain active in mental retardation current cases may do so under the Criminal Justice Act. If selected by the Committee, this group of attorneys will continue representation in current cases but will not be eligible for appointment to new mental health and mental retardation cases under the Criminal Justice Act. If an applicant is not selected by the Committee the applicant will not be permitted to continue to represent clients in mental retardation cases. Those attorneys who have previously applied for either the mental health or mental retardation panel need not reapply during this time period.

Applications may be obtained from the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Clerk's Office Room 4475 in the H. Carl Moultrie I Courthouse located at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Completed application must be filed in Room 4475 by the close of business July 10, 2006.